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TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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1. About 20 twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly, presumably pe-2s (nose and cockpit covered with tarpaulins) were parked at the Werneuchen (N 53/V 06) airfield on 3 March 1950. About 20 U-2 biplanes made individual local flights between 2 and 4 p.m. All U-2s had landing skids.

2. There was very active flying by twin-engine aircraft with double rudder assembly and individual biplanes between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 17 March 1950. The visibility was good and the sky a little cloudy. The twin-engine aircraft with two cockpits, one behind the other, were sometimes flying in formation of nine planes. The take-offs were made in elements of two. Twenty-one twin-engine aircraft, including those flying, were counted at the field.

3. Many twin-engine aircraft were seen in front of the open hangars at the airfield on 24 March 1950. The interior of the hangars could not be seen. Four antenna masts were noticed on the flight control station between the hangars. Truck 7-32-01 and a sentry wearing red-bordered, black epaulets were seen at the quarters south of the field.

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4. Twenty-eight twin-engine aircraft with in-line engine and double rudder assembly were counted in front of the hangars at the field on 24 March 1950. A single-engine fighter with in-line engine made local flights between noon and 6 p.m. It was of the same type as the fighter aircraft stationed at the Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) airfield.

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5. Trucks B 7-88-82 and B 7-88-86 drove to the bomb dump northeast of the field. The bomb dump was illuminated at night. The airfield boundary lighting facilities were not intact.

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6. About 40 twin-engine aircraft of the same type as those stationed at the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) airfield were parked in front of the hangars on 1 April 1950. Only Soviet Air Force soldiers were noticed at the field. Some guarded cantonment buildings were in a woods north of the airfield. A much used road led to these buildings.

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Field Comment:

a. [REDACTED]
occupation of the field by twin-engine IB-2s (two models). According to previous reports two regiments of the III Bnr Corps were assumed to be stationed in Verneuchen. This report does not indicate whether both regiments are still there. It is assumed that some of the aircraft stationed at the field were parked in the hangars.

b. The existence of a bomb dump in the northeastern section of the field was confirmed by other sources. According to a sketch made by one source the dump is in a woods northwest of the Hirschfelde, east of the railroad line.

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